



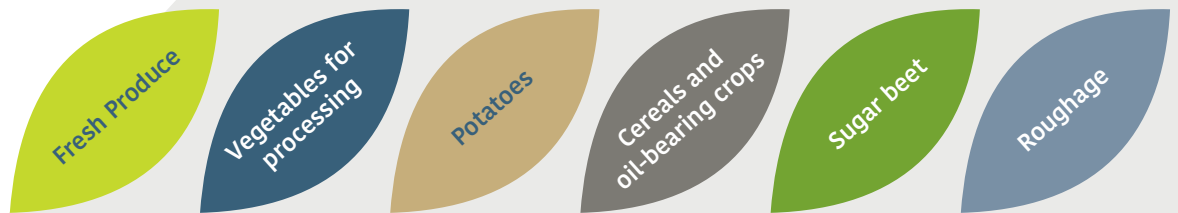
Vegaplan

# INDEPENDENT CERTIFICATION ACCORDING TO STRICT STANDARDS

## Our mission:

To provide an assurance when purchasing a Vegaplan certified product that it is safe and produced according to European sustainability standards

## Certified scope:



## Vegaplan ensures the safety and quality of our raw material supply!

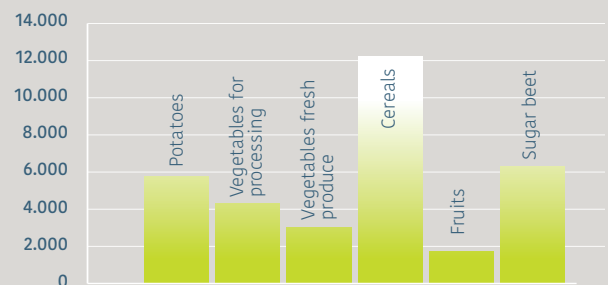
*"We require Vegaplan certification from our suppliers for various reasons: first we strongly believe in independent and objective certification. Vegaplan ensures competent auditors and guarantees the reliability of the certificates. The integrity of the audits is absolutely key for us! On the technical side Vegaplan covers all important aspects: Food Safety, Traceability, Integrated Pest Management and Sustainable development on the farm. It is a goal-oriented scheme and at the same time simple and cost effective. It's great strength is its bottom up approach: All stakeholders are involved and equally represented, which ensures they are all motivated and engaged to achieve the same target and striving together for continuous improvement.*



**Antoon Wallays,**  
Agristo n.v., Board member



## Distribution of certificates per crop sector



**Quality, Food Safety, Traceability, Sustainability**

## SCOPE OF STANDARD

### Food Safety, Traceability and compulsory notification

National implementation of Regulation (EC) 178/2002

### Integrated Pest Management

Regional implementation of directive 2009/128/EC

### Cross Compliance

Agri-environment measures compulsory for direct payments. Regulations (EC) 73/2009 and 1122/2009

### Interprofessional agreements and farming contracts

Requirements defined within the sectors

### Sustainable development

Requirements defined in stakeholder dialogue

## We have achieved a unique Public-Private-Partnership

The Vegaplan Standard was the first private quality standard in Belgium to be approved by the competent authorities as a tool to inspect compliance with food safety, traceability and Integrated Pest Management. This is a unique achievement in Europe! It avoids additional official inspections for farmers and demonstrates the professionalism and efficiency of our scheme.

**Gisèle FICHEFET, Coordinator at Vegaplan**

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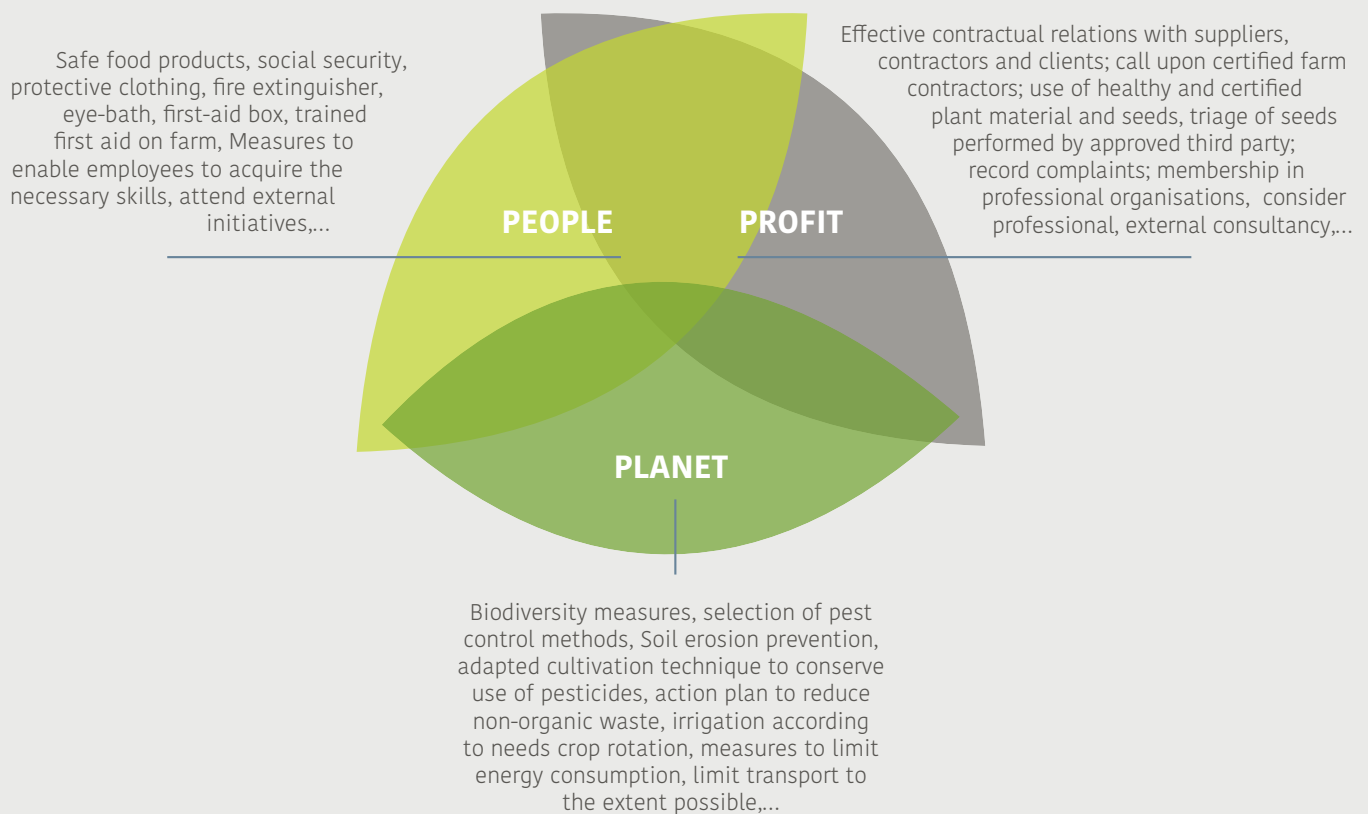


## A RISK BASED FARM STANDARD THAT ENSURES SAFE PRODUCTS

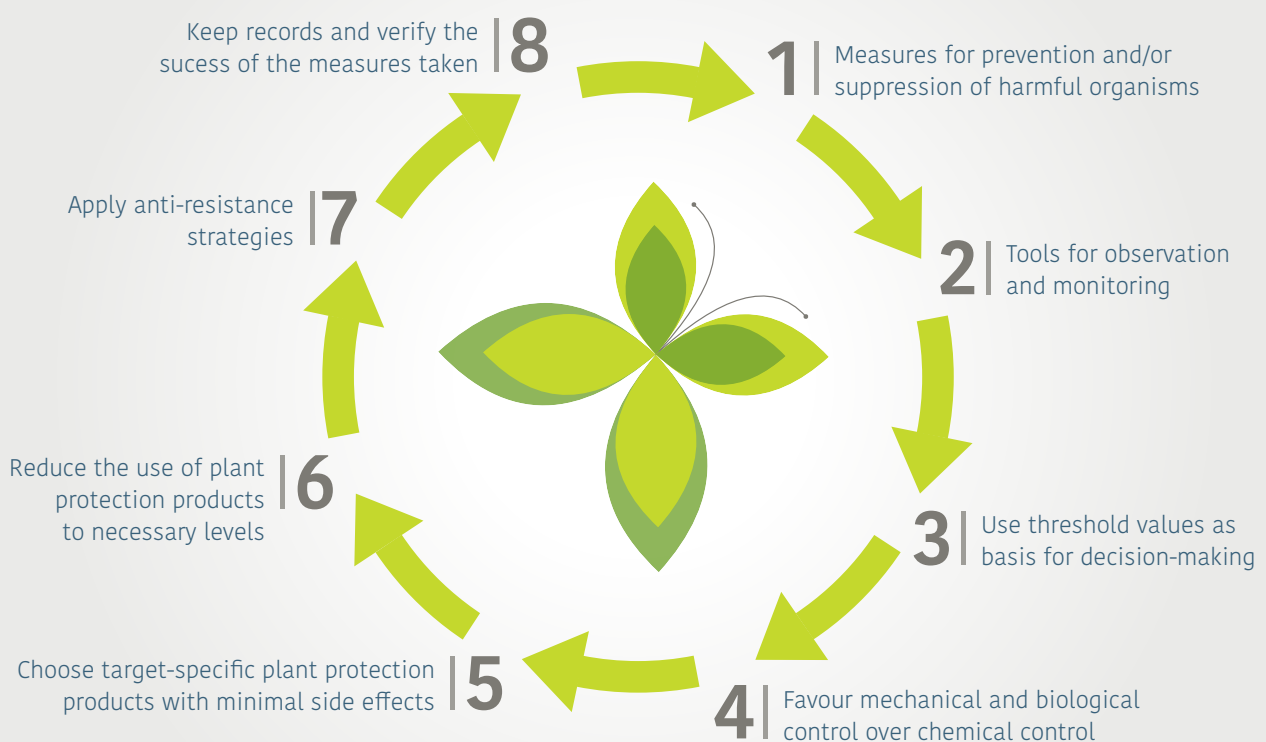
### CONTENT OF STANDARD (non-exhaustive)

					
<b>Farm &amp; building</b>	<b>Machines &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>Manager &amp; staff and third parties</b>	<b>Cultivation Technique and post-harvest treatment</b>	<b>Mandatory notification to the authorities</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Record keeping</b>
Storage of pesticides, biocides, fertilizer, crops, emergency procedure, sanitary facilities, pest control, mitigation cross-contamination...	Clean and safe equipment, calibration, glass breakage and oil leak procedure, sprayer inspection and fertilizer equipment, food grade packaging, mitigation contamination through machines and transport,...	Proof of competence for handling plant protection products (fytolice), legal approvals, certified subcontractor, hygiene procedures, pictograms, mitigation physical contamination, first-aid, skill-development, efficiency, local population,...	Safe and approved starting material, crop rotation, application of plant protection products, fertilizer, irrigation water and washing water, soil management, risk analysis for new production fields, Integrated Pest Management,...	Notification procedure in case of danger for humans, animals or plants, including microbiological contaminants, toxins, chemical contaminants, non-permitted GMO's and harmful organisms for plants and plant products...	Identification, In & Out Register, Field record keeping including plant protection applications, fertilizing, soil disinfection, sowing/planting, harvesting, irrigating, pre-harvest analysis, registration cleaning and disinfection, storage records, transport records...

# A CERTIFICATE TESTIFYING SUSTAINABLE FARMING



## INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT: 8 PRINCIPLES TRANSLATED INTO PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS

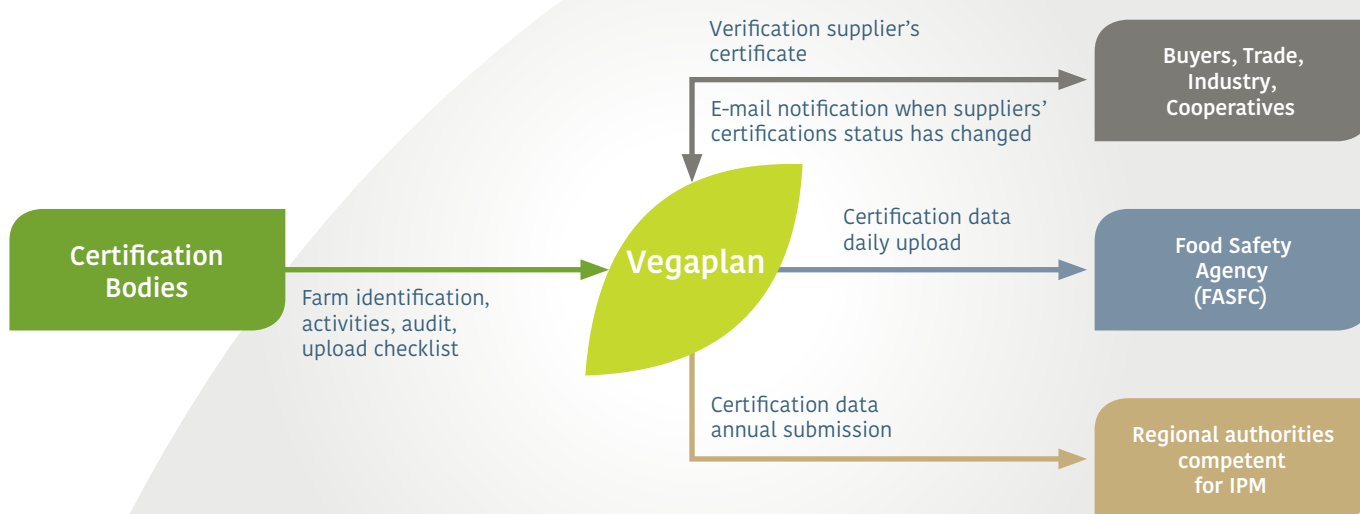


# A PERFORMANT INTEGRITY PROGRAMME TO ENSURE RELIABILITY OF CERTIFICATES

- Regular audit frequency of 1 in 3 years
- 10% unannounced audits (ad random and following risk analysis of Certification Body)
- 10 Certification Bodies with a total of 70 auditors, accredited by the Belgian Accreditation Body (ISO/IEC 17065)
- Mandatory training & entry exam for all auditors; test every 2 years to maintain approval

- Inspection at Certification Bodies' offices: planning of audits, normative documents used, complaint management, witness audit, etc.
- Submission of annual report: evaluation of Certification Bodies' activities including number of audits per auditor, number of internal training, etc.
- Advisory committee to supervise transparency, objectivity and impartiality of certification programme

## CHECK YOUR SUPPLIERS CERTIFICATES ONLINE



## BENCHMARKED AND INTERNATIONALLY APPROVED BY VARIOUS PARTNERS

### Mutual recognition with:

- VVAK/VVA:** Vegetables for industry, sugar beet, cereals, potatoes
- QS:** Fruit, vegetables and potatoes intended for the fresh produce market
- VKL:** Farm service contractors

VVAKkerbouw



### Approved by:

- FCA:** Feed
- GMP+:** Feed



### Benchmarked by:

- SAI**



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